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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

  
**SAM RIMELL**  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rangan (U.S. Patent 6,412,073) in view of Kreiner et al. (U.S. Patent 6,295,526) and further in view of Beck et al. (U.S. Patent 6,026,371).

Claim 1: Rangan discloses a retrieval site connected to the Internet, as illustrated in FIG. 2. The retrieval site is supported by a retrieval server (31 described at col. 4, line 12) and a retrieval database (29 described at col. 4, line 14). The retrieval server is operative to fetch URL data from a plurality of information providing sites (23, 25, 27) and store the URL data for these sites in the retrieval database (29).

The URL data retrieved represents detailed information regarding services. Some of these services are similar services. For example, "My Bank.com", "My Stocks.com" and "Mortgage.com" each provide financial information, and thus provide similar services.

At this point, a user at an information terminal (17) can input information (the address "Internet Portal.com" as shown in FIG. 2) and the server will transmit the page of Fig. 2 to the information terminal (17) from the server (31). The display of the page of FIG. 2 on the user's terminal is considered a comparative display of the detailed information, since each URL listed adjacent the other URLs in a comparative manner.

Rangan differs from the claims in that in that each of the individual listed services are not further annotated with names and/or addresses of the information providing sites. Kreiner et al. teaches that that in a given directory of information (FIGS. 2D-2E), the names of specific websites for specific service providers can be included (FIG. 2D) along with addresses (URLs or e-mail addresses in upper right corner in FIG. 2E).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Rangan to further include specific website addresses and URLs or e-mail to identify addresses so as to provide a user more comprehensive and complete information about a given site as taught by Kreiner et al.

Kreiner et al. differs in that the name and address information (FIG. 2D) is not simultaneously displayed with the detailed information (FIG. 2E). Beck et al. gives two examples where the name/address information and detailed information are consolidated together for simultaneous display. FIG. 4 shows the name and address information simultaneously displayed with car brand information (A New Car Volkswagen, 645 Park of Commerce Way, Golf, Cabrio, GTI, Jetta, Jetta GTX). FIG. 5 shows the same information and additional information on business hours (7 days per week). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Kreiner et al. so as to have each entry in FIG. 2D including detailed product information or business hours so as to prevent the need for surfing multiple web pages as taught by Beck et al.

Claim 2: The retrieval server (31) fetches data retrieves information in the form of a listing of web sites (FIG. 2). The name of the site itself is indicative of the services associated with the site.

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Claim 3: FIG. 2 illustrates the listing of websites (LBC.com, MyBank.com, etc.) which may be simultaneously searched by the user. Each one of the listed site names is also a hyperlink (col. 5, lines 43-44). The data in FIG. 2 is retrieved from the database 31 (col. 4, lines 19-23). Kreiner et al. also teaches hyperlinks (URLs at FIG. 2E).

Claim 4: In the system of Rangan, the user has a pre-established profile (col. 6, lines 39-42). This profile consists of a listing of passwords and user names established by the user (34 in FIG. 2) which are used to access the listing of sites. This profile is retrieved and called upon whenever the user wants to access these sites.

#### Remarks

Applicant's arguments are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sam Rimell at telephone number (571) 272-4084.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Rimell', is positioned above the printed name.

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